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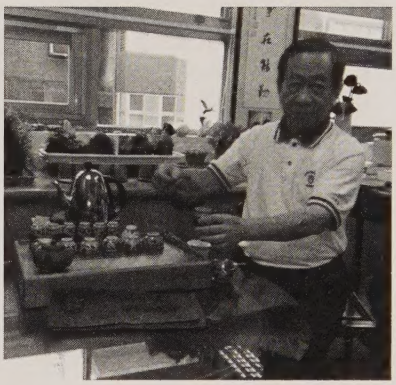
BISHOP'S LETTER

As human beings living in a modern society in Taiwan, we realize that our responsibilities to society are to help it run smoothly and in a loving and caring way. It is all too easy for us to just sit back and wait to receive from society, focusing on what benefits we can receive from others. Yet we know that to always receive and never to give is not a good way to build a society, a community or a church. If we wish to be respected by others, then we know that we must start by showing respect for others. As Christians we have a great opportunity to be bridges to connect our families, friends, neighbors and those who live in our communities.



We are bombarded on a daily basis by advertisements and incentives to spend more money. Department Stores love to give loyalty awards, special discounts and gifts to express their thanks, although of course with the ultimate aim of increasing their sales. They talk about building relationships with their loyal customers as they

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realize the importance of relationships in business. In our lives as Christians, we realize too how important it is to build relationships with people, not for monetary rewards like department stores hope for, but as a way of giving back to society, as a way of sharing God's amazing love and blessing with others and building the Kingdom of God here on earth.

During this Easter season, in the mystery of creation and the gift of life, we really experience how God loved the world and each one of us. We have been giving thanks to God for the body and blood of Jesus, shed on the cross for our redemption, and for the chance to restore our relationship with God through his death, passion and resurrection. In him, we have an eternal guarantee, a guarantee of victory. Let us renew our lives to respect God and to serve others, to follow his teachings and please him. As we have received Christ's love and saving grace in a new way this Easter season, let us always challenge ourselves, as disciples of Jesus, about how we can reciprocate, how we can give back to God and to others.

God reminds us through Biblical teaching how he does not want sacrifice, rather he wants us to worship him with true hearts and minds, in spirit and in truth. At Easter, every one of us should let our old lives die with Christ and be buried with him, and then be resurrected with him by his grace, power and mercy to serve him with renewed lives.

During this Easter season too, the epistle readings have been from the Book of Acts, training and preparing us to know how to serve and deepen our faith in the word of God.

In the opening service of our annual synod in March, I talked about 5 attitudes that we need to have to serve God and please our Heavenly Father. All these 5 attitudes are composed of 2 Chinese characters with the second character as 氣 'chi': 勇氣 courage, 骨氣 moral honesty or strength of character, 志氣 will or ambition, 大氣 open-minded, generous or tolerant, 元氣 vitality or energy. Let us use these 5 attitudes to serve our God.

Today is Ascension Day and we look forward to Pentecost next week and Trinity Sunday the following week. We look forward to every one of us having a good witness to praise our heavenly Father with joy and peace to glorify him.

Rt. Rev. David J. H. Lai, Bishop of Taiwan

CLERGY FROM THE DIOCESES OF TAIWAN AND OSAKA AT THE DIOCESE OF TAIWAN ANNUAL SYNOD 2016

News from the Diocese of Taiwan

On Saturday February 6, the day before Chinese New Year's Eve, a 6.4 earthquake hit southern Taiwan with its epicenter in Meinung, Kaohsiung. Damage was particularly severe in Tainan, and sadly 117 people were killed, nearly all in a collapsed residential building in Yongkang, Tainan. Although Grace Church, Tainan and St. Peter's Church, Chiayi were slightly damaged, thankfully all our church members were safe. Many people were hit by travel disruption, and power and water outages over the Chinese New Year holiday period. We are grateful for your prayers and your concern.

Bishop Lai and Mrs. Lily Lai attended the installation on Monday February 22, 2016 in St. Mary's Anglican Cathedral, Kuala Lumpur of Rt. Rev. Datuk Ng Moon Hing, Bishop of the Diocese of West Malaysia as Archbishop and Primate of the Province of S. E. Asia. Bishop Lai also represented Presiding Bishop Michael Curry at the service.

On Thursday February 25, Bishop Lai welcomed the Rev. Stephen Sikyung Yoo to visit the diocesan office, on his first visit to Taiwan. Rev. Stephen Yoo is the Provincial Secretary of the Anglican Church of Korea, and was visiting Taiwan for a conference of East Asia church leaders hosted by the Taiwan Presbyterian Church. He presented Bishop Lai and Mrs. Lily Lai with gifts from himself and from Archbishop Paul Kim, most notably 2 beautiful stoles made in Rason City, North Korea, under the TOPIK (Towards Peace in Korea) program (see center photo).

The Diocese of Taiwan Annual Synod and Convention was held from Friday March 4 to Saturday March 5, 2016 and hosted by Good Shepherd Church, Taipei. Canon Peter Ng, Asia-Pacific Officer of the Episcopal Church, and Mr. Warren Wong, Member of Executive Council of the Episcopal Church and Ex. Committee member of Province VIII were both present.

The Diocese of Taiwan welcomed a group from our Companion Diocese of Osaka to visit Taiwan from March 2-5, 2016. The group was led by the Rt. Rev. Andrew Haruhisa Iso, Bishop of Osaka, and Rev. Takebayashi Keiichi. Retired Bishop of Osaka, Bishop Toru Uno and his wife also joined the group, which included 4 other clergy. They visited Christ Church, Advent Church and St. John's Cathedral. On Friday March 4, they all attended the opening service of the diocesan convention at Good Shepherd Church; their clergy all joined in the procession and concelebrated the Eucharist. Bishop Iso gave a speech during the service and presented Bishop Lai with a check for ¥500,000 (US$ 4,442 / NT$ 146,132) towards earthquake relief in southern Taiwan. They also attended the first session of the convention where each member of the group was introduced, and they sang together the song, 'Tomoni' ('Together'), which was specially composed and sung by the Osaka group at the 60th anniversary celebrations of the Taiwan Episcopal Church in April 2014.

Bishop Lai attended the House of Bishops in Camp Allen, Texas from March 10-15, 2016, followed by a trip with Mrs. Lily Lai from March 15-18 to visit Rev. Charles C. T. Chen and his wife MaryJo at their daughter's home in Frisco, Texas.

Bishop Lai and a group of 18 from the Diocese of Taiwan attended the 11th World Anglican Chinese Clergy Fellowship (WACCF), April 5-8, 2016 in Hong Kong. Bishop Lai was elected the new chair of WACCF, and the next gathering will be in April 2020 in Taiwan.

In Memoriam

The Most Rev. Ignacio Soliba, Prime Bishop of the Episcopal Church of the Philippines

A wake and funeral was held in Tabuk, Philippines for The Most Rev. Ignacio Soliba, Prime Bishop of the Episcopal Church of the Philippines on April 4 and April 5, 2016.

Tabuk is the hometown of Bishop Soliba and his extended family and friends, who kept a local traditional vigil from April 2 to April 5 for the soul of Ignacio Soliba.

On behalf of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and Bishop David J. H. Lai, the Rev. Dr. Herbert J. Barker delivered prayers and condolences to Bishop Soliba's family and to the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

In celebration and thanksgiving for the life and ministry of Bishop Soliba, we offer continued prayers for our brother, Ignacio and for his family and for our Episcopal family in the Philippines.

A Report on My Campus Life

By Mr. Antony Liang,

Diocese of Taiwan Seminarian at Ming Hua Theological College, Hong Kong

Blessed be you, my Lord, with all your kindness and charity you give me and my family. Amen.

I am thankful to our Lord for giving me this opportunity to study in HKSKH (Hong Kong Sheng-Kung-Hui) Ming Hua Theological College. This is my second year here and I have truly been transformed in spirituality. In this past year, I have kept walking in my religious journey with the Lord and learned how to have faith in his grace.

Here in Ming Hua, the academic work is one of the most important parts of student life, especially for those like me who are not native English speakers. We need to work hard to keep up with the high academic standards, but I always find that it is still a long way to go to being a good student. I am trying my best to get the qualities which the college expects us to have. Our courses are basically related to these learning areas: Biblical text study, Anglicanism and liturgy, reflected theology and church history. We have many lectures to attend, which are led by different clergy or scholars. They really help us to extend our vision and inspire us in our vocation.

For my internship, or parish experience, I have been training at St. James' Church in Wan Chai since last September. During Sunday services, I usually act as an acolyte, intercessor, and sometimes as preacher. Now and then I have been invited to share something about myself in the different fellowship groups, especially in the youth group. I am glad to get together with these young people. The other ministry which I have joined are the classes for new members who want to be baptized. It has also been a good chance to accompany those who are starting searching for God and His truth.

I have also been back to Taiwan for my internship in St. John Cathedral, Taipei, during the summer and winter vacations. I like to stay in contact with the churches back home in Taiwan. There is always a close connection between church members and the clergy, and the Rev. Elizabeth Wei, among others, has taken good care of me and taught me a lot. I do appreciate her guidance and help. I thank other priests, too, for their support. I also cherish my friendships with the office staff and church members. I believe that we really have a good time when we get together to worship our God and serve each other.

Another thing I would like to mention is something

about the 11th World Anglican Chinese Clergy Fellowship (WACCF), which was held from April 5-8, 2016 here in Hong Kong and which I also had a chance to attend. There were about 140 Chinese clergy and their families from Singapore, Malaysia, Australia, New Zealand, America, England, Taiwan and Hong Kong at this conference.

The theme for this year's WACCF was "How to become an infectious (or influential) church". It was, and is, an interesting topic for discussion, for we can reflect upon how we are living in a such a complicated and conflicted world. How the Anglican churches can produce positive influences over the secular world was one of the emergent issues for everyone who attended the conference. I am convinced that we need to be inspired by God's power and love, and then we can have the ability to build up influential churches. The WACCF is an important fellowship connecting all Chinese Anglican clergy so as to fulfill the ideal that the Gospel can be proclaimed everywhere.

When I review my learning and service this past year, I am so thankful in my heart. No matter what challenges or good things I have encountered, those have been opportunities which I could experience the Lord's companionship. This is why I can confidently continue to follow the calling of the Lord. Grant that we can serve and love each other faithfully under God's merciful reign!

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all!

Amen.

WACCF: BISHOP LAI AND THE GROUP FROM TAIWAN VISIT ST. JAMES' CHURCH, HONG KONG

Learning Experience in the Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii

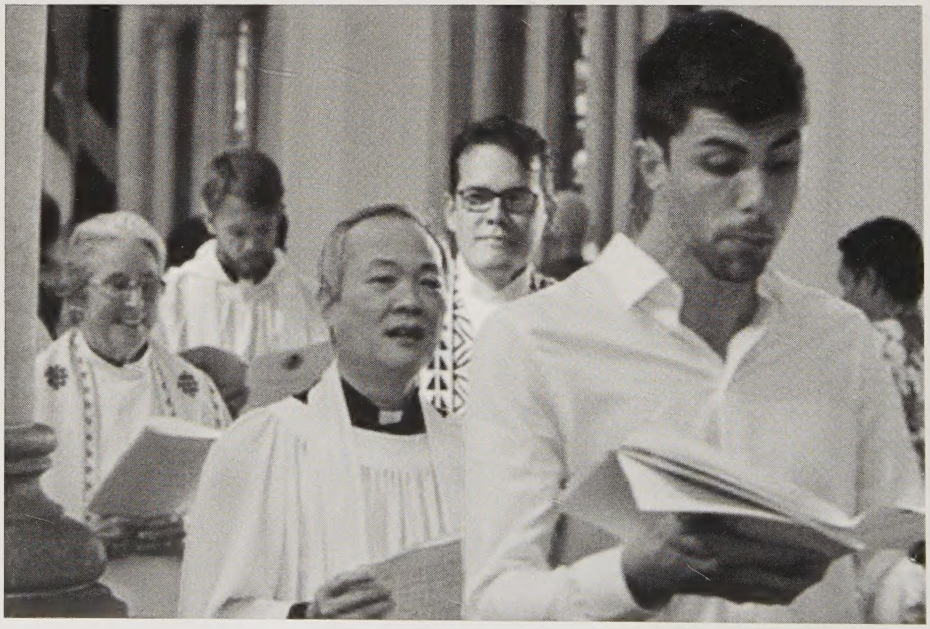
Rev. Joseph Wu Ming-Long 吳明龍牧師

My three months stay in Hawaii from October 18, 2015 to January 15, 2016 was a wonderful learning experience for me, particularly to learn more English, liturgy and Canon Law. I am very grateful to Bishop Lai for giving me this opportunity.

DIOCESE OF HAWAII ANNUAL CONVENTION 2015: REV. JOSEPH WU (SECOND LEFT) WITH REV. PETER AND MRS. MIMI WU, CANON PETER NG AND REV. STEPHANIE SPELLERS

Although my family and I had to be apart for three months, we all felt happy for me to have this chance to go to Hawaii. I would like to thank Rev. Joseph Ho, Rev. Tsai Ching-Yi and Rev. Wu Shing-Shiang for taking the services at St. Luke's Church while I was away. This was a good arrangement, because the members of St. Luke's Church also received many blessings from the different priests.

I was warmly welcomed and well-received by the Diocese of Hawaii, not just as a individual priest, but as a priest from the Diocese of Taiwan. I am full of gratitude to the Bishop of Hawaii, Rt. Rev. Robert L. Fitzpatrick for his warm welcome, for all the arrangements he made for me, and for the books he kindly lent me. Special thanks also to the retired Bishop of Hawaii, Rt. Rev. Richard Chang, who spent an afternoon deepening my knowledge of the Constitution and Canons. He impressed on me that the most important thing is that they are 'not for fighting, but for growing'.



REV. JOSEPH WU TAKING PART IN AN ORDINATION SERVICE IN THE DIOCESE OF HAWAII, JANUARY 2016

In my daily life I was well looked after by Rev. Peter and Mrs. Mimi Wu, and I very much appreciated their welcome and hospitality. They arranged to take me to different churches each Sunday for worship, and also introduced me to an ex-

REV. JOSEPH WU VISITING THE HONOLULU MUSEUM OF ART (ABOVE LEFT) AND ST. MARK'S CHURCH, HONOLULU (ABOVE RIGHT)

cellent English teacher, Mrs. Elaine Lau, who helped me with my English language. The Rev. Keleawe and Mrs. Faye Hee also took great care of me. Rev. Raymond Woo shared with me about the liturgy each week. Everyone was so kind and generous with their time and expertise, thank you to each one!

I stayed in the 2-story, 3-bedroom vicarage of St. Luke's Church, Honolulu, which is on the main road between the downtown area of Honolulu and the main cemetery. I could walk to St. Andrew's Cathedral in 30 minutes or take a bus from the bus stop, only 2 minutes away; it was very convenient.

During my first week, I had the opportunity to attend the Diocese of Hawaii Annual Convention. The first day was an Education Day, with lectures and activities, and the convention opening worship at 4:00 pm. The next day was the actual meeting day, including the elections and discussions.

Each Sunday, I went to a different church for Holy Communion, all following the Book of Common Prayer, and yet all with their own character. That included St. Mark's Church, the only Anglo-Catholic Episcopal Parish in Hawaii. On Christmas Eve, I was busy from morning to night, in fact I went to four different churches for five services! Although I was quite tired physically, I was so excited to celebrate the birth of Christ our Savior in each place!

Living for 3 months so close to the main cemetery in Honolulu meant that it became a part of my daily life. Walking in the cemetery became a very enjoyable thing. It gave me a lot of time to think about the reality of death, and the meaning of life and death. There is no way to escape death, and yet it is easy to avoid thinking about it. Some things are inevitable, and the closer the date of my return to Taiwan, so this feeling became deeper. I had started by counting the days every day until my return to Taiwan, but then I made the positive decision to accept and enjoy each day as it came. Our faith teaches us that as we die with Christ, so we believe that we also live with Him. It is a great blessing from God, and a lesson I will always remember.

Mr. Chen Ming-Bang's Art Exhibition

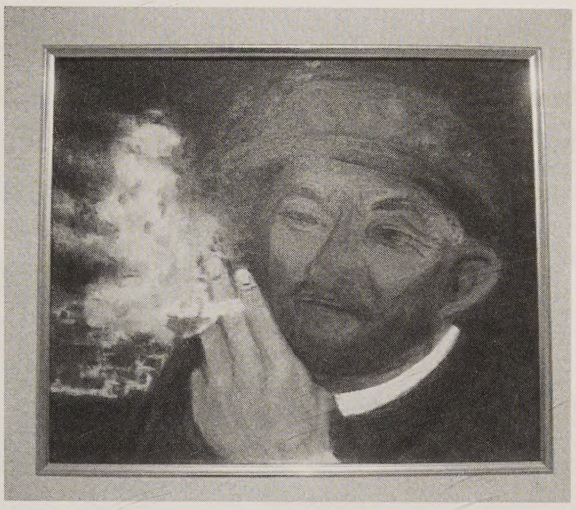
'Life is like a Painting' '人生如画' by Andrew Chang

As mentioned in the previous Friendship Magazine, Mr. Chen Ming-Bang 陳明邦 and his wife (see photo below) are members of Advent Church, and from September 21 to October 23, 2015, Mr. Chen held a Thanksgiving Art Exhibition of his paintings. The grand opening was attended by friends and clergy from Advent Church, and Bishop Lai gave a prayer of blessing. Some of the photos of that event, and the paintings on display are shown below.

After viewing Mr. Chen Ming-Bang's Thanksgiving Art Exhibition paintings and listening to his Thanksgiving witness lectures, a Biblical verse immediately came to my mind: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God." (Matthew 5:9) This verse is one of the beatitudes in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. In Hebrew, the word 'peace' is shalom. And shalom in Hebrew always means everything which makes for man's highest good. In other words, with shalom, it makes the world a better place for us to live in and creates a more harmonious relationship among us, and between human beings and our environment. As William Barclay interprets it, this beatitude might read: "O the bliss of those who produce right relationships between man and man, for they are doing a godlike work!" Artists who express through paintings life's beauty and goodness belong to this blessed group of people. They apply a sense of beauty to the otherwise ugly realties in life, elevate and transcend imperfect human nature to a better world and create more harmonious interpersonal relationships. They teach us to cherish the goodness of life, to appreciate God's perfect creation, and to further love with a thankful heart our neighbors and the environment in which we live. The beauty expressed in art works helps us taste life's sweetness. Art is a universal language serving

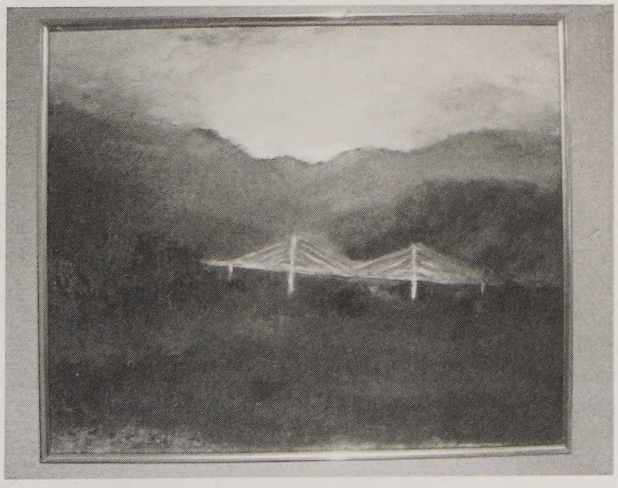
MEMBERS OF ADVENT CHURCH AND BISHOP AND MRS. LAI ATTEND THE OPENING CEREMONY

as a bridge through which we can communicate with one another in more mutual understanding. Besides, we obtain immense peace and joy in our hearts while appreciating works of art. It is the will of God to establish shalom between man and man, and between man and God. From this point of view of Christian faith, Chen Ming-Bang's art works are just like doing Godlike work, and he is a blessed follower of Jesus, with more blessings from God in his life.



Mr. Chen Ming-Bang served for more than forty years in various high-ranking positions in the Ministry of Economic Affairs of the Taiwan Government, planning and promoting the growth of economic development in Taiwan. His leadership and dedicated efforts helped build the foundations for the businesses and industries of Taiwan for the new century. Since retirement, his expectation for Taiwan is "a better Taiwan with no more hatred and confrontation." He has published a book entitled 'Interpersonal Relationships - A Harmonious Approach to Life' to sum up his philosophy of life. In recent years, Mr. Chen has concentrated on learning and producing oil paintings, using his creative artistic talents to put in colors his feelings about his personal observations of the beauty of life. We all understand that life is not perfect and human nature is not always good. Mr. Chen's philosophy is "Tolerate imperfection in the pursuit of perfection." With this view in mind, he expresses in each of his paintings his belief in the positive value of life, the harmony of nature, and the perfection of God's creation. We appreciate a reasonable and balanced sense of beauty and feel touched by the aesthetic appeal in all his paintings. As a Christian, Mr. Chen has presented a beautiful witness for his devotion and thankfulness to God in each of his artistic strokes.

Finally, from the witness of Mr. Chen Ming-Bang's paintings, we understand that God created each of us with individual talents and gifts. If we can wisely use the talents given to us, doing our best to transcend human nature to a higher level of truth, beauty and goodness, promoting harmony in the world, sharing with others the Gospel, we will all surely be blessed.



Osaka Diocesan visit to Taiwan Anglican/Episcopal Diocese on the occasion of the Diocesan Synod, March 2-5, 2016

By the Rev. Kiyomi Senmatsu, Rector of Ishibashi St. Thomas Church, Osaka and Ms. Catherine Kyoko Miyake, Ishibashi St. Thomas Church Member

BISHOP ANDREW HARUHISA ISO AND MEMBERS OF THE DIOCESE OF OSAKA GROUP VISIT CHRIST CHURCH, CHUNGLI, MARCH 2, 2016

From Rev. Kiyomi Senmatsu, Rector of Ishibashi St. Thomas Church, Osaka

At this time, we are thankful to have been invited to the Diocese of Taiwan Annual Convention and Synod. We are especially grateful for the great efforts of Bishop David Lai and the many others who received us.

The opening Eucharist at the Church of the Good Shepherd, the luncheon at Mellow Field Hotel, and the Diocesan Synod provided us with glimpses of the grace and dedication of the Episcopal Church of Taiwan, and we were greatly moved.

This was my first visit to Taiwan, and, with no worries or difficulties during the four-day stay, we were able to enjoy a very meaningful and fulfilling time. I think all of this is due to the meticulous care we received, and, of course, to God's working of all things together for good, and watching over us.

My lasting impression of this visit centers on two of the churches we visited. The first of these was Christ Church, in Chungli, Taoyuan. This church sprung out of the fervent missional vision of a young female priest (Rev. Lily Chang). Now, as importance is placed on gatherings of children and youth, young families value the fellowship as they strive to deepen their faith together. My heart was truly warmed by my visit.

The second church was St. John's University Chapel, Church of the Advent. I was especially moved by the fact that the church building itself was built to convey deep meaning. The floor leading from the baptismal font to the altar is inscribed with the words, "Way - Truth - Life," and when worship is

over, the people walk over these words. I thought that this is the way of the believer, as they follow in the footsteps of Jesus. And then there is the celestial stained glass and hanging sculpture, suspended above the altar, reaching down like a ladder, catching the light from spotlights in the seasonal liturgical color. It strikes me as an easily understood and easily accepted visible symbol of the advent of our Trinitarian God coming to fill us.

Later, when I met Rev. Akira Iwaki, he remarked that "There's a lot we wouldn't understand if we didn't make the trip," to which I replied, "Exactly right! It's strange that I didn't visit the Diocese of Taiwan before this." I will be watching to see when the next visit is planned, so that I can again be moved by and receive a portion of the fervent faith of the Church in Taiwan, and so that I can meet everyone again.

The Peace of the Lord be with us all.

RT. REV. ANDREW HARUHISA ISO, BISHOP OF OSAKA, AND MRS. AKIKO ISO ON THE COACH JUST AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL IN TAIWAN!

From Ms. Catherine Kyoko Miyake, Ishibashi St. Thomas Church Member

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

Beyond all expectations, I was able to join the second Osaka diocesan trip to Taiwan. It was like a dream for me, and I give thanks to God from the bottom of my heart. Beginning with Bishop Lai, Mrs. Lai, all the priests, all the members of the churches, and all of the adorable kindergarten children, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for the kind and thoughtful hospitality we were shown.

I was moved by the young people of the Taiwan Anglican/Episcopal Church, as they walk in the way of a rich faith filled with hope and grace. Even though we could not understand each other's languages, in my experience on this trip I felt the joy of connecting with others through their hearts of hospitality, and through their graciousness and kindness. As long as I live, I will never forget the repeated warm handshakes I received from Bishop Lai.

I thought of how important it is to pray that, as we grow closer together in relationship, as we mutually support one another, as we dialogue together, many people and nations may become at least a little more able to have fellowship.

I thank God for the joy we experience together in Jesus. I pray for the rich grace and protection of God to be with you all.

OSAKA DIOCESAN GROUP VISIT ADVENT CHURCH, MARCH 3, 2016

History in the Making ~ Historic Bonds between Rikkyo University, Japan and St. John's University, Taiwan

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ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY AND RIKKYO UNIVERSITY 'MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING' CEREMONY
MARCH 28, 2016

On March 28, 2016, an historic event took place at St. John's University, Tamsui, Taiwan, when Dr. Chen Jean-Lien, President of St. John's University (聖約翰科技大學), welcomed Dr. Tomoya Yoshioka, President of Rikkyo University (立教大學), and his colleagues to sign a "Memorandum of Understanding" for future cooperation and partnership, to strengthen academic relationships and deepen spiritual connections.

In January 2016, I had the honor of traveling with Dr. Wang Chien-Hsing, Vice President of St. John's University, to Tokyo, Japan for my first visit to Rikkyo University. Rikkyo University has a fine educational reputation around the globe and is imbued with a strong Anglican/Episcopal tradition. The campus is truly beautiful, and the university history center is located in a well-designed and refined building, with excellent displays. When I saw the statue of Bishop Williams, I felt deeply moved and warmly connected, because I know a little of the history between Rikkyo University and St. John's University.

Bishop Channing Moore Williams (1829-1910) was the founder of Rikkyo University, and he was also the first Episcopal bishop of Japan. In 1855, on finishing his seminary training at Virginia Theological Seminary, USA, he was ordained deacon, and started out on his 9-month journey by boat to Shanghai, arriving in June 1856. He then began learning the Chinese language and started his missionary work in and around Shanghai. Due to his hard work and devotion, Bishop William Jones Boone (1811-1864), the first Episcopal missionary bishop of Shanghai, ordained Williams to the priesthood in 1857. Two years later, in 1859, Williams heard God's call and set off for Japan to pioneer missionary work there. Such an important transfer of post and duty happened during the last feudal Japanese military government (1603-1867), the Tokugawa shogunate (bakufu) period, which was an era of serious persecution of Christianity. With his unusual determination and dedication to God and the Gospel, Williams was a brave man!

In 1864, Bishop Boone died at Shanghai after almost thirty years of missionary endeavor, and the Episcopal Church needed someone with high quali-

fications and devotion to lead the church and its evangelistic mission in East Asia. In 1866, Williams once again answered God's call with great courage, and was consecrated as Episcopal Bishop of China and Japan. With his vision and leadership, he opened up two important new missionary stations, one at Wuchang (武昌), China, the other at Osaka, Japan. Bishop Williams' vision was to equip native clergy and lay people with better education and spiritual integrity, and so he established the Boone Memorial School for Boys (文華書院) at Wuchang in 1871. The school was raised to the rank of college in 1905 and finally incorporated as a university in 1909. With the same goal in mind, Bishop Williams started an English learning school, St. Paul's College in Tokyo in 1874. The college was later renamed Rikkyo College and eventually became Rikkyo University in 1922. Today it is one of the six leading universities in Tokyo.

DR. WANG CHIEN-HSING, VICE-PRESIDENT OF ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY (SECOND LEFT) AND MR. DANIEL CHEN (FAR RIGHT) WITH RIKKYO UNIVERSITY FRIENDS IN FRONT OF BISHOP CHANNING MOORE WILLIAMS STATUE, RIKKYO UNIVERSITY

BISHOP CHANNING MOORE WILLIAMS
1829 – 1910

Due to the geographical barriers and extraordinary demands of both mission fields, Bishop Williams requested the Episcopal Church to divide his huge episcopate of China and Japan. After years of waiting, preparation and search, Bishop Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky (1831-1906) was consecrated Bishop of Shanghai in Grace Church, New York, in 1877. During the consecration service, Bishop Williams said of Bishop Schereschewsky, "We trust he will establish a native ministry, a native Church, and native training schools in China, to walk forth in the strength of its own national organization. The principal aim of our mission work in China should be the raising up of an indigenous ministry, trained on the soil and for the soil ~ so establish schools!" The vision of establishing and empowering mission and school to benefit the church and society continued and grew.

In 1879, Bishop Schereschewsky founded St. John's College in Shanghai, later renamed St. John's University. St. John's produced thousands of Chinese graduates in liberal arts, social sciences, business and management, theological education, and the like. Many of its graduates have made great contributions to the development of Modern China as leaders in their various professions. All treasured the higher education they received and cherished the spiritual nourishment of the campus. The vision of 'mission school' was sustained and continued to shine.

After World War II, huge political upheaval from the KMT - CCP civil war occurred throughout Mainland China, leading to a series of intense changes in society. In 1949, the Nationalist (KMT) government retreated to Taiwan, and four years later, communist rule extended throughout the whole of Mainland China. Due to the CCP (Chinese Communist Party) religious policy, St. John's University lost its identity through amalgamation with state institutions. Under such circumstances, some Episcopal Church members and St. John's University alumni followed the Nationalist government and moved to Taiwan. Right after relocation, they tried their best to persuade the Episcopal Church to continue such a wonderful mission school vision by restoring their alma mater in Taiwan. However, faced with such regional political instability and uncertainty, the Episcopal Church did not immediately grant their wishes. The Taiwan Episcopal Church (TEC) began to take root and formally established its mission work in 1954, and officially became a missionary district under the jurisdiction of the Episcopal Church in 1961. With very limited

church members, few financial resources and pressing needs to establish mission work all over Taiwan, setting up a mission school at the level of St. John's University was not an urgent step for the Church to take. However, as the situation across the Taiwan Strait and in East Asia became gradually safer and more settled, the mission school plan came to be a part of the church plan. Dr. James C. L. Wong (1900-1970) was the first Chinese missionary bishop of Taiwan and arrived in Taiwan to lead the diocese in 1965. He had a similar vision (one of higher education with spiritual nourishment) to Bishop Williams and Bishop Schereschewsky, and decided to shoulder the responsibility of establishing a new school, a successor institution to St. John's University, Shanghai.

BISHOP SCHERESCHEWSKY IN 1895

BISHOP S. I. J. SCHERESCHEWSKY (1831-1906)

Interestingly, Bishop James Wong was an alumnus of Boone College in Wuchang, China (established by Bishop Williams). He later pursued a career in marine engineering and was the first honorary clergyman in the Hong Kong Anglican Church (中華聖公會 Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui) to be ordained priest in 1940. Retiring from his engineering career at the age of 60, he accepted a call to be assistant Anglican bishop of North Borneo in 1960. Two years later, he was installed as the first Bishop of the Diocese of Sabah. In 1965, aged 65, he became the Episcopal Bishop of Taiwan and immediately started the school plan. He chose the school site, in Tamsui, northern Taiwan, and devoted the next (and final) five years of his life to establishing a successor institution to St. John's University, Shanghai. At his death in 1970, he was buried under the altar in the chapel of the school he had devoted so much of his life to establish.

BISHOP JAMES C. L. WONG (1900-1970)

It is no doubt that Bishop C. M. Williams is the key missionary pioneer who bridges Rikkyo University, Tokyo and St. John's University, Taiwan. Bishop Williams established both the Boone Memorial School in Wuchang, China, and St. Paul's College (predecessor of Rikkyo University) in Tokyo, Japan. Bishop S. I. J. Schereschewsky continued Williams' mission school vision and established St. John's University in Shanghai. Bishop James C. L. Wong, an alumnus of Boone College, personified the original vision of Bishop Williams through serving as a marine engineer and honorary priest, and later came as missionary bishop to help establish the successor institution of St. John's University in Tamsui, Taiwan. In this regard, the Anglican/Episcopal vision of mission school continues to shine and glorify the Lord. Supported and nourished in such a splendid Anglican/Episcopal missionary endeavor and denominational tradition, Rikkyo University and St. John's University have now signed a "Memorandum of Understanding". Being eyewitnesses to this important event, after over 100 years, we see the missionary torch continue, and we are part of history in the making. The story continues in a 'Continuous Tense'. Let us do our part in continuing and cherishing the historic story!

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ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY, TAMSUI

Chaplain: Rev Lennon Chang Yuan-Rung 張員榮牧師

On Wednesday April 20, 2016 a Memorial Service was held in Advent Church for Robert Chao-Feng Ho 何兆豐學長, distinguished alumnus of St. John's University, Shanghai and generous benefactor of St. John's University, Taiwan, Ho Chao-Feng Digital Arts Center (何兆豐數位藝文中心), who died in Hong Kong on April 10, 2016, aged 96.

On Tuesday April 26, the annual Foundation Day Thanksgiving Service was held at Advent Church, celebrating 49 years since the official foundation of the school, now known as St. John's University, originally known as the St. John's and St. Mary's Institute of Technology. It was on April 26, 1967, that official notification was given by the Ministry of Education that the school could start to recruit students, and the foundation of the school is dated from that day. The Thanksgiving Service also remembered the 46th anniversary of the death of Bishop James C. L. Wong, founder of St. John's University, who died on April 27, 1970 in Kaohsiung and is buried under the altar in Advent Church. At the service also, presentations were made to the 54 students who are receiving financial help from St. John's University through a fund set up in memory of Bishop Wong.

On Saturday May 7, as part of St. John's University annual celebrations, President Ma Ying-Jeou, outgoing president of Taiwan, paid his final visit to St. John's University as president. He steps down on May 20. Dr. Cecilia Koo 辜嚴倬雲 has been chair of the SJU Board of Trustees since 1972 and in her honor, one of our new buildings has been named 倬雲 Building (the 2 Chinese characters are her given name 'Zhuo-Yun'). President Ma presided over the official unveiling of the building with Dr. Koo and President Chen. He also visited some of the student activities and gave a speech in Centennial Hall. (see photos above of the celebrations).

The current president of St. John's University, Chen Jean-Lien, retires on July 31, 2016 after 8 years as president.

ADVENT CHURCH, TAMSUI

Rev Lennon Chang Yuan-Rung 張員榮牧師 Rev. Wu Shing-Shiang 吳興祥牧師

On St. Thomas Day, December 21, 1995, Rev. Lennon Chang was ordained deacon at Good Shepherd Church, Taipei, and on January 25, 1999, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, he was ordained priest at Advent Church. To celebrate 20 years of his ordination, a Thanksgiving Service was held at Advent Church on Monday January 25 (see above photo). Even though it followed the coldest temperatures in Taipei for over 40 years, and the weather was still very cold and wet, about 80 came to the service, including family members, classmates, faculty, staff and students from St. John's University, members of Advent Church and the local community, including former Mayor of Tamsui, Mr. Tsai Yeh-Wei, now a New Taipei City Councilor. The service was followed by refreshments, including 2 big cakes, one of which was given with congratulations by Bishop Lai.

Bishop Andrew Haruhisa Iso and a group from the Diocese of Osaka visited Advent Church on Thursday March 3 as part of their visit to the Diocese of Taiwan. President Chen Jean-Lien welcomed the group on behalf of St. John's University.

On Sunday March 6, Bishop Lai and Mrs. Lily Lai came to Advent Church for a confirmation service. Three ladies, two of whom are members of the Advent Church choir were confirmed on that day (see middle photo).

After Bishop John C. T. Chien (Bishop of Taiwan 1988-2001) died in 2013, his wife, Mrs. Grace Chien continued to live in the Chien family home in Goubei Village, Dalin, Chiayi. On April 11, 2016, she moved into Suang-Lien Elderly Center, Sanzhi and joined Advent Church. We are delighted to welcome Mrs. Chien to Advent Church.

On Sunday April 24, a choir festival was held at Advent Church for local choirs from the Bunun Church, the Amis Choir and Paiwan Choir of Sanzhi Presbyterian Church, the TamKang High School Teachers Choir and Advent Church Choir. It was a wonderful occasion and the church was very full!

TRINITY CHURCH, KEELUNG

Rev. Justin Lin Jun-Ming 林俊明牧師

On Saturday January 9, we held a day retreat for our church and vestry members in Yilan Eden Disabled Center on the subject of 'What is the church?' and led by Rev. Samuel Lin Ying-Chiu, former dean of St. John's Cathedral. The following day, January 10, our vestry members were commissioned during the Sunday service.

Our ministry with children has developed and we now have separate groups for different ages, all called 'fellowship groups'. We have had different outings together in the last few months. Normally we meet on Saturdays for Bible stories, teaching and learning together.

Over Holy Week and Easter we followed the regular pattern of services. We were delighted that on Easter Day the baby of one of our church families was baptized, his name is Lee Ya-Lun (Aaron) (see photo above). On Easter Day after the service, over 20 of us went on an outing to a beautiful park in Nuan-Nuan (see photo below).

About once a month, our seniors fellowship enjoy an outing to a local scenic spot; each time we take about 10 seniors and enjoy the day together. On January 6 we visited Fulong, on March 16 we visited Shi-Fen Waterfall, on March 30 we visited Nuan-Nuan. We usually meet each week for fellowship and Bible Study, currently we are studying Bible characters. We have at least 5 different cell groups in our church, for adults, young people, women, all meeting on different days. We are currently studying different spiritual books about the teachings of the Episcopal Church.

On Tomb-Sweeping Festival, Sunday April 3, we held our Ancestor Memorial Liturgy in the church as part of the Sunday service.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, KEELUNG

Rev. Julia Lin Shu-Hua 林淑華牧師

This year on Maundy Thursday, as every year, we held foot-washing as part of our evening service. This year was slightly different in that our church members also washed feet, as well as our clergy. We are gradually learning how to love and sustain each other (see middle right photo)

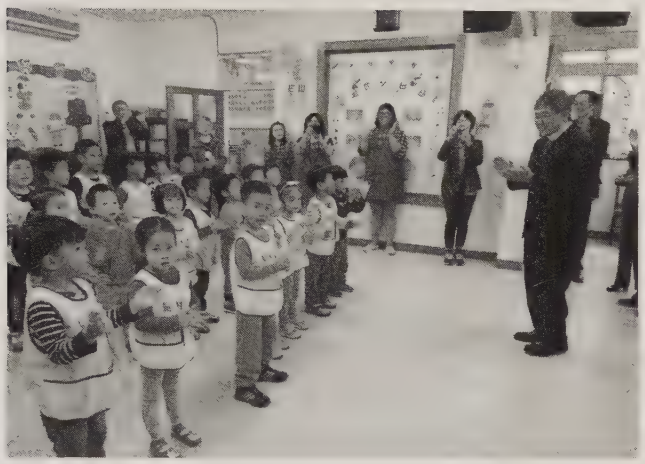
Every Easter we try to plan an outing, and this year we had 44 people who traveled with us to Taichung for Easter weekend. On March 26, we left for Tung-Hai University in Taichung (see photo of us above left outside the famous Luce Chapel). On Easter Sunday we joined in the Sunday Service at St. James' Church. One young girl, Ms. Cheng Han-Shuan, was baptized by rector Rev. Lily Chang during the service (see top photo right). This young girl used to live near St. Stephen's Church and joined in all our activities. About two years ago, she moved to Taichung and is now involved in the St. James' Youth Group. Congratulations to her!

On Thursday April 28, five people from St. Stephen's Church (see bottom photo) joined in the diocesan group one-day tour to Nan-Zhuang (南庄) in Miaoli (苗栗) with about 60 sisters and brothers of the Northern Deanery. This tour was organized by the seniors group and ECW group of the diocese. We visited Penglai River for a nice walk along the nature trail, then a delicious lunch at a Hakka restaurant. In the afternoon we visited the Saisiyat Tribal Museum at Xiangtian Lake, and finished with another delicious meal in Chungli. Our ladies who joined this trip were delighted, and we enjoyed warm fellowship together.

On May 8, Mother's Day, we invited all the mothers who are single parents in the community, to attend our Sunday Service and the buffet lunch after the service to help us celebrate this happy day.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, TAIPEI

Rev. Elizabeth Wei Fei-Jan 魏斐然牧師 Rev. Tsai Ching-Yi 蔡靜儀牧師



This year is the 60th anniversary of St. John's Cathedral, and we are preparing to celebrate with a Thanksgiving Service on Pentecost Sunday, May 15, 2016 at 4:00 pm.

St. John's Cathedral is very grateful to Rev. Elizabeth Wei and Rev. Peter Chen for their dedicated service over the last 2 years. They will complete their time of service on July 31, 2016. On August 1, 2016, Rev. Philip Lin Li-Feng 林立峰牧師 will become the new dean of St. John's Cathedral.

We had our annual Ancestor Memorial Liturgy on the Sunday prior to Chinese New Year's Eve. We put candles and the ancestor name list on a table, and we offered prayers of thanksgiving.

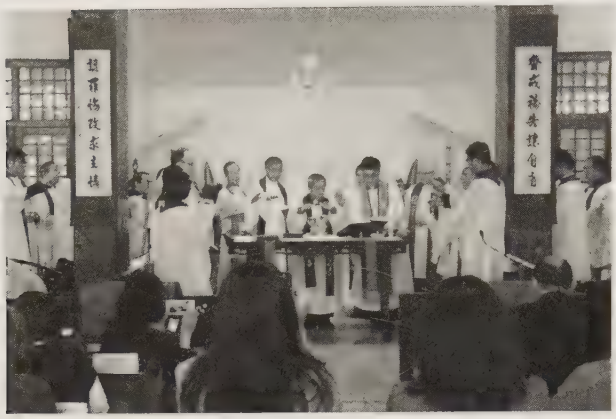
After the first session of the diocesan synod on March 5, we were honored to welcome Bishop Andrew Haruhisa Iso and members of the group from the Diocese of Osaka to visit St. John's Cathedral. That day was also Bishop Iso's 61st birthday, and the group were also celebrating retired Bishop Uno and his wife's Golden Wedding Anniversary. St. John's Cathedral Kindergarten children sang birthday greetings (see top left photo) and congratulatory songs for them. We presented the 2 bishops with gifts of crosses (see top right photo). It was a very warm and happy celebration.

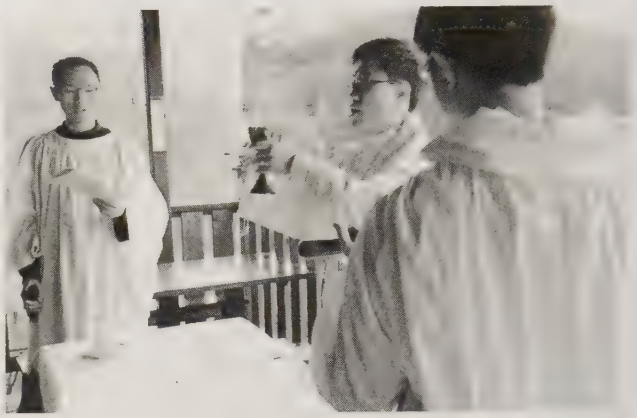
March 20 was Palm Sunday. After the Liturgy of the palms, church members held branches in their hands and walked around the streets to declare Jesus Christ, the King of Kings. The bottom left photo shows the group making palm crosses.

Tan Tian and Wang Min-Xin were baptized on Easter Eve on March 26, they also received confirmation from Bishop Lai the following day, Easter Sunday (see right photo below).

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH, TAIPEI

Rev. Philip Lin Li-Feng 林立峰牧師, English Chaplain: Rev. Herbert Barker





Our rector, Rev. Philip Lin is currently in New York for 3 months learning and parish placement experience in St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Fifth Avenue, Manhattan and Trinity Church, Wall Street. When he returns from New York in mid-July he will leave Good Shepherd Church to become the new dean of St. John's Cathedral, Taipei, starting on August 1, 2016. The new rector of Good Shepherd Church will be Rev. Keith Lee, who is currently vicar of Grace Church, Tainan.

A highlight of this past semester was the Diocese of Taiwan Annual Convention, hosted by Good Shepherd Church on March 4 -5, 2016. The opening service was held here at Good Shepherd Church on March 4 (see top left photo), and the meals and meetings were held at a nearby hotel in Tienmu, with delicious refreshments during the break times provided by church members.

Throughout Lent, we held our second Bible-reading program, reading a chapter a day through Luke's Gospel, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, and 1 and 2 Timothy. Those who completed the program were congratulated and given a small gift (see bottom photo).

On Easter Eve, Saturday March 26, we held our first monthly family activity session for local children and their parents.

On Easter Sunday, March 27, we held an outing and outdoor Easter service (see top right photo) in a park in Shi-Ding, near Shen-Keng, on the outskirts of Taipei. Over 40 people took part, and we also enjoyed a meal together and a walk.

On Sunday April 3, Bishop Lai came to Good Shepherd Church for a confirmation service (see middle photo). Mrs. Chen Jen-Ying was confirmed, she is a former colleague of Rev. Philip Lin's wife, Linda, and was baptized on December 27, 2015 at Good Shepherd.

Good Shepherd English Congregation
by Rev. Herbert Barker

Searching for Easter Eggs

Easter eggs hunt is often thought to be a curious American tradition along with the Easter bunny that hides them. Some may think that Easter eggs and bunnies are mere fantasy and fun for children on a very serious Easter morning.

Yet, we would be surprised to discover that the very serious Martin Luther probably introduced Easter eggs to our Christian Easter traditions.

Before the Christian era, eggs were a symbol of spring and the rebirth of earth. From early Christian times, eggs were signs for new life, and eggshells were thought to represent the tomb of Jesus. Therefore, Easter eggs were embraced as a metaphor for the resurrection.

An Easter egg hunt points to the story of the women who went to prepare Jesus' body for burial and discovered that the tomb was empty. Mary Magdalene began to hunt for Jesus. So on Easter morning children "hunt" for colorful eggs as hunting for new life brought by the resurrection of Jesus. They joyfully hunt for life springing from the mercies of God the Father who raised His only begotten Son to new life.

We of the English congregation of the Church of the Good Shepherd enthusiastically embrace the tradition of Easter egg hunting. Each Easter, as we watch our children eagerly hunting for eggs, we are brought back to our own memories of Easters past when we shared life with family and with our church friends. We rejoice in being renewed. We treasure the gift of new life that we receive at Easter.

We also are grateful. Grateful that God makes us new each morning. We are grateful that no shell, no tomb, no prison can hold us from the abundant life given to us at Easter.

As we look at Austin Chu's happy face, and his firm grip on his Easter basket at his first Easter egg hunt, how can we doubt the joy that Easter brings for discovering God's abundant creations of new life that is only waiting for us to seek and find? May we all be like children who seek with excitement Easter egg's gift of new life in the resurrection of Jesus!

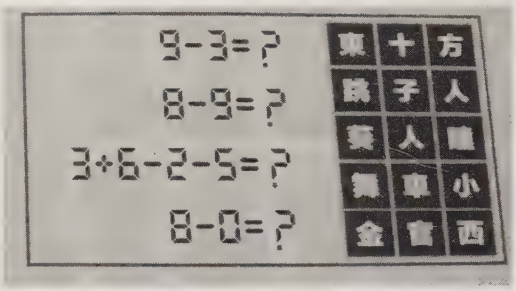
Happy Hunting!

Rev. Herbert Barker

CHRIST CHURCH, CHUNGLI

Rev. Joseph Ho Ray-En 何睿恩牧師

In Christ Church we always celebrate Easter with an egg hunt. This year, we decided to have a different kind of egg hunt to make it a bit more appealing for older children. So this year, we divided the children into 2 groups. The younger group enjoyed a simple Easter egg hunt. The older group had a puzzle game with the aim of finding who had hidden the eggs. We took parts of Chinese idioms and the youth had to find the right combination. If they found out all the idioms, they could get the clue for next puzzle. The second was a mathematical problem which they needed to solve with Chinese characters, similar to this picture above. After they solved the problem, they got the number 1241 and another puzzle. This time it was invisible ink written on white paper. They had to find out how to make it readable. The answer was the 樟樹 camphor tree. Under the camphor tree there were three plastic eggs. Inside the eggs were the clues to the one who put out the eggs there, and the answers were blue, man, and glass, meaning a man in blue suit, wearing glasses.



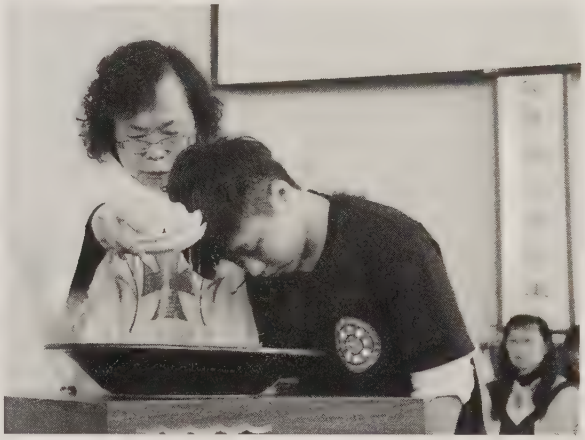
It was lots of fun, not only for the youth who played, but also for the game designer. After all the puzzle games and egg hunt, we took a big group photo. It was the most wonderful Easter egg hunt we had ever taken part in. This time, we invited our friends, children and local families. About 40 people joined this activity (see photos). It was a great opportunity to share Jesus with our local community. Everyone was so happy.

Hallelujah!!

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, TAICHUNG

Rev. Lily Chang Ling-Ling 張玲玲牧師

Rev. Charles Chen Chin-Ti, Rector Emeritus 陳金地榮譽主任牧師



During Holy Week, we had a very special foot-washing service on Maundy Thursday, with volunteers lining up for foot-washing. It was wonderful to see so many people taking part in this meaningful act of worship.

On Easter Sunday we were delighted to welcome Rev. Julia Lin and 44 people from St. Stephen's Church, Keelung to worship with us in our Chinese service. One of our youth group, Ms. Cheng Han-Shuan was originally at St. Stephen's Church and has recently moved to Taichung and joined the youth group here at St. James. Praise God that on Easter Sunday she was baptized during the service! Rev. Julia Lin preached and the St. Stephen's group sang, and introduced themselves (see photos above). Our offering that day was for St. Stephen's Church. We all enjoyed a potluck meal after the service.

On Sunday April 10, the English congregation welcomed Bishop David J. H. Lai to the service, and Rev. Ada Wong-Nagata to preach. Ada is the Associate Rector of the Church of Our Saviour, Diocese of Los Angeles, and also part of the Episcopal Asiamerica Ministry. She was visiting Taiwan as part of her sabbatical. The following day, Mr. Jerry Liang, Rev. Charles C. T. Chen and Rev. Lily Chang enjoyed taking Ada to visit Sun Moon Lake (see photo below).

On Saturday April 30, St. James' Preschool and Language Institute held our annual charity bazaar at St. James. This year there are 2 charities being supported. Firstly, we welcomed Rev. Lin Ching-Tai 林慶台牧師 and his family, he is pastor of Fu-Shan Presbyterian Church where they have a wonderful outreach ministry to local children and young people of the Atayal tribe in Wulai District of New Taipei City. Rev. Lin Ching-Tai is also well-known for playing the main character, Mona Rudao in the film, 'Warriors of the Rainbow: Seediq Bale' in 2011. He gave an inspiring talk, shared his testimony and signed copies of his book, which were sold out. The second charity we are supporting this year is the children's ministry of

Chung-Yuan Sacred Heart R. C. Church 耶穌聖心堂 among the Seediq Tribe in Renai Township, Nantou County. Rev. Kao Fu-Nan 高福南神父 Mbwi Khohi, CICM (originally from the Congo) is former pastor of the church, and he came to the bazaar, along with musicians from Nantun R. C. Church, Taichung, and they gave a concert for the event. We also welcomed Bishop Lai and Mrs. Lily Lai, and Mrs. Linda Lin (see right photo). There were stalls, games, activities and performances all morning. At the current time of writing, the amount raised exceeds NT$ 450,000.00. We thank God for good weather and great support from the children and their families.

ST. JAMES CHARITY BAZAAR, APRIL 30, 2016. BISHOP LAI WITH VIP GUESTS, INCLUDING REV. LIN CHING-TAI (THIRD RIGHT) AND REV. KAO (CENTER)

THE CHURCH OF THE LEADING STAR, TAIPING

Rev. Sam Cheng Ching-San 鄭慶三牧師

From April 5 to 8, Rev. Cheng had the chance to attend the World Anglican Chinese Clergy Fellowship (WACCF), in Hong Kong. The theme was 'Becoming an infectious (contagious) church'. The speakers encouraged all the Chinese pastors and all those ministering in the church to become a 'contagious church'. Participants came from many regions, including North America, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, West Malaysia, East Malaysia - Sabah and Sarawak, Taiwan and Hong Kong. It was wonderful to meet so many new friends and reconnect with old ones. One particular family of old friends was Ms. Audrey Phang and her husband, Rev. Paul Lau and son Daniel from Sabah (see photo). Audrey's mother, Ms. Evelyn Wong spent 6 weeks at St. James' Church over 10 years ago under the then kindergarten training program of the Dioceses of Sabah and Taiwan.

Rev. Cheng also met Rev. Canon Xiong Tien-tsai from Sabah, whose theological training was paid for by a grant from St. James in 2002.

WACCF: REV. PAUL LAU (FAR LEFT), AUDREY AND DANIEL (SECOND RIGHT) MEET UP WITH REV. CHARLES C. T. CHEN AND HIS WIFE, MARYJO (CENTER), MS. LINDA LIN (SECOND LEFT) AND REV. SAM CHENG (FAR RIGHT)

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, HUALIEN

Rev. Joseph Wu Ming-Lung 吳明龍牧師

On March 13, 2016, the Bishop's Committee formulated "Financial management and expenditure approach" and "Rules of procedure". We are thankful for members' comments and support.

We organized outdoor activities for the whole congregation on Easter Sunday, March 27 (see photo above). After the Sunday worship, we went to the Parkview Hotel in Hualien for a nice meal. There was also a good children's playroom, so everyone was very happy! A total of 33 adults and children came together. This was a wonderful fellowship.

How happy we are, to meet friends from afar. The young people of Good Shepherd Church and Trinity Church came to Hualien for the same weekend, and shared in the morning service with us on May 1, bringing their friendship and vibrant joy (see photo below). We look forward to many more get-togethers like this in the future!

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, CHIAYI

Rev. Simon Tsou Tsai-Shin 鄒才新牧師

This year, 2016, our theme at St. Peter's Church is 'The Lord's grace', and that was also the theme of our church retreat on February 27. We used SWOT analysis ('strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats') to analyze the situation of our church, and envision our future. We have decided to focus on two areas of ministry, one for the elderly and another for youth, because Chiayi is an 'elderly -friendly' city, and also a 'cultural and educational' area with more than 10 senior high schools in this small city.

For our youth group, we had a youth camp during our winter vacation from January 27-29, with St. Timothy's Church (see top left photo). We played the game 'Running Man' and learned a lot about teamwork. On the final day, we went bowling.

Each Saturday morning we have a special outreach activity for local children, and we invite students from local colleges and high schools to help run it. Many of these students are planning to work with children as a career so this is good experience for them and a big help for us. They design the games and play with the children, and use picture books to tell stories. During the Easter service, we presented the student volunteers with certificates for their service (see top right photo).

On April 1, we started to cooperate with Chiayi Home Service Management Centre (Chiayi Christian Hospital) to serve the elderly who live in our community. We invited a Health Worker to come and give a talk to our seniors, and then we had a birthday party for them along with our kindergarten children. The children sang the birthday song to them, and they cut the birthday cake together. We were so happy and it was so much fun to celebrate in this way.

We ask for our prayers for our work in the community, thank you.

GRACE CHURCH AND ST. PETER'S CHURCH COMBINED SERVICE AND SPORTS DAY, APRIL 17, 2016

GRACE CHURCH, TAINAN

Rev. Keith Lee Jen-Cheng 李鎮丞牧師

On January 9, we held a special Thanksgiving Dinner for the ladies who faithfully prepare the lunch after each Sunday service. Most of them are our kindergarten teachers and our principal is also included. They spend their time on Sundays by rotation, they come to the church to prepare things earlier than everybody else, and make delicious meals as a way for promoting our fellowship. We thank them for their devotion, and may God bless them.

A major 6.4 earthquake happened soon after 4:00 am on February 6, the day before Chinese New Year's Eve. We thank God that Grace Church and all of our brothers and sisters were safe. Lots of people phoned us in Grace Church, sending greetings and caring about our situation; we felt so warm and thankful. Please pray for those victims who lost their lives, relatives and homes. May God lead them and help their life with a new start.

Retired priest, Rev. Samuel Liao had been living in a rehabilitation center for 7 months since last July until the end of January this year. During his rest and recuperation period, he recovered well and his body became healthier. So he happily returned home at the end of January, so he could have a wonderful Lunar New Year with his family and church (see top photo above). Thanks be to God and please keep praying for Rev. Liao and his family.

On Sunday April 17, Grace Church and St. Peter's Church held a combined outdoor Sunday service at Sikou Junior-High School, Chiayi (see group photo on page 26). This was our 3rd consecutive year to have a combined service at Eastertide, and we had our first combined sports day also (see photo below of our relay team!) This gathering took place the same weekend as we heard about the terrible earthquake in Kumamoto, Kyushu, Japan. We knew that Kumamoto City had been seriously damaged, so we announced that the day's offering would be sent to Kumamoto via the diocese, to express our concern for the people there. After lunch, we went to the Honey Museum in Kukeng, Yunlin to continue our fellowship and to stroll around this beautiful place. All had fun and a wonderful time.

Our vicar, Rev. Keith Lee is spending 3 months, from mid-April to mid-July, in our companion diocese, the Diocese of Osaka, NSKK, learning about the church and culture, and further developing his Japanese language skills. Bishop Lai has assigned Rev. Tsai Ching-Yi from St. John's Cathedral to be interim vicar at Grace Church while Rev. Lee is absent. On his return from Japan, Rev. Keith Lee will become rector of Good Shepherd Church, Taipei, starting August 1, 2016.

ST. ANDREW'S KINDERGARTEN, JIEDING

Rev. Cheng Chen-Chang 鄭成章牧師

On Wednesday March 30 we enjoyed an Easter egg hunt with all the children of St. Andrew's Kindergarten. In the photo above, the children are proudly holding their Easter eggs! They also heard the Easter story in their morning assembly.

During March all the children had the chance to visit the local Family Mart Convenience Store to learn about how to be a Sales person (see photo below).

We praise God that we have 110 children in the kindergarten and 17 in the after-school classes for elementary school children.

Every other Wednesday, the teachers meet with Rev. Cheng for evening prayer, and every Wednesday morning, Rev. Cheng meets with all the children for a Bible story during the school assembly.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, PINGTUNG

Rev. Cheng Chen-Chang 鄭成章牧師

On Sunday January 10, Bishop Lai came to St. Mark's and commissioned the new bishop's committee (see middle right photo).

On Sunday February 21 and Palm Sunday, March 20, we were pleased to welcome Rev. Samuel Liao to preach and enjoy fellowship with us. On those same Sundays, we also welcomed Mr. Wu Chia-Kuei, our diocesan intern to play the organ for the service (see bottom right photo).

On Saturday February 27, we visited Mrs. Grace Chien in her home in Gou-bei, Dalin (see bottom left photo) followed by a visit to St. Peter's Church, Chiayi to see the newly-restored church building.

On March 12-13, we welcomed Catherine Lee to visit us and share with us about her visit to churches in the UK last year (see bottom left photo). We also took her to visit the Hakka Cultural Park, Wanjin R. C. Church and several aboriginal villages.

On Sunday March 27, Easter Day, after the service we had an outing to Pingtung University of Technology Wild Animals Care and Rescue Center (see top right photo).

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, KANGSHAN

Rev. Leo Tzeng Wen-Bin 曾文斌牧師

On Monday February 8, the first day of Chinese New Year, we held a Thanksgiving Service. Wednesday February 10 was actually Ash Wednesday but as it coincided with the Chinese New Year Festival, we delayed until the following Sunday. After the Sunday service on February 14, we placed ashes on everyone's foreheads.

On Saturday March 19, we prepared for Palm Sunday and Holy Week by making palm crosses. The following day we processed around our church grounds waving our palm branches. On Maundy Thursday, we held a foot-washing service at 7:30pm, then a service on Good Friday at 12 noon. On Easter Eve we held our traditional Easter Vigil at 7:30pm. On Easter Sunday after the service, our church members, the Shen family invited us all to a restaurant to celebrate their son's marriage.

Each month we go on an outing, originally scheduled for Mondays, but many places are closed on Mondays, so we have moved to Tuesdays from now onwards. In April we went for a picnic to Kaohsiung Museum of Fine Arts (see left photo).

We celebrated an early Mother's Day with a special meal on Sunday May 1 after the service when we all went to a aboriginal restaurant in Kaohsiung (see photo below). All mothers in the group went free. 28 people joined the group, and a happy time was had by all.

In April we decided to buy a new church van. The old one was more than 10 years old and its main disadvantage was that it didn't have any seatbelts in the back. To put in seatbelts would be very expensive and not worthwhile on an old van. We thank God for His provision.

ST. TIMOTHY'S CHURCH, KAOHSIUNG

Rev. Richard Lee Ray-Chiang 李瑞強牧師

We have started a new course, called "Journey to Intimacy", held every Sunday afternoon from March to June. A total of nearly twenty people have joined this course for couples and those interested in parent-child relationships. We are learning about communication skills, learning and speaking each other's Love Language, sharing feelings and ideas with each other. The course is led by Ms. Belinda Fang, wife of Rev. Richard Lee and two other teachers. During the course, we have found that in the Chinese culture, few people say thanks, and it is not easy to warm the hearts of others, so interpersonal relationships over time become only a responsibility, with no intimate feelings. 'Journey to Intimacy' is based on a knowledge of psychology, and there are also many opportunities for practical exercises. The student participants have watched their relationships growing in maturity as the course has gone on and as they put into practice all that they are learning.

ST. TIMOTHY'S CHURCH OUTING

St. Timothy's Church has a Facebook Page so our church members can check in and share photos and exchange stories about faith. The fan page name is "高雄聖公會提摩太堂. We welcome you to browse and comment.

Community activities of St. Timothy's Church this year include Japanese classes and cooking classes, taught by our church members. We look forward to closer relations with our local community residents. We are also planning a July-September Alpha Course and outreach into the local community through friendship evangelism. We have found that in our classes, by fusing Christian-related stories or verses, poetry and singing, our local community friends easily feel the atmosphere of the church to bring them love, and their hearts are more open, so they can look forward to further believing in Jesus.

This year we have also started a new cell group in the north of Kaohsiung. This group has mainly office workers who participate, so they meet in the evenings. We also have a new 'workplace cell group' in the Mary Kay office, to help members grow in their faith. We look forward to starting a new cell group in the church, for those can meet during the day. We also have training for the cell group leaders, and we look forward to more church members joining the ministry team and doing outreach together.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, KAOHSIUNG.

Rev. Philip Ho Jeng-Long 何政隆牧師

January 2, 2016 was a very happy day for Ms. Rose R. J. Chang when she invited her former pupil, Bishop David J. H. Lai and his wife Lily, and Rev. Philip Ho and his wife Nancy to lunch at a nice restaurant (see photo above left)! Rose was a teacher at Kaohsiung Municipal Ta-Tung Elementary School, and taught Bishop Lai as a young boy. She is now 91 years old. She always joyfully tells others that Bishop Lai was her student, and she is very proud of him being the Bishop of Taiwan. Some years ago, she was living alone and very lonely at her small teacher's hostel, often in ill-health and unable to walk far, and worried about her sixth son who at just over 40 years old was very sick with heart disease. Rev. Philip Ho found her at her home through the contacts records of the church. He went to visit her and she felt better every time he came to see her, greet her, say a prayer for her, and share the holy body of Jesus with her. One year later she felt stronger and now has the courage to attend St. Paul's Church sometimes to worship the Lord. After finishing the electric lift engineering work at St. Paul's Church in the autumn of 2014, she was very happy to come to worship our Lord once a month as she could take the electric lift up to the church, rather than using her crutch to go up the stairs. Now she is very happy to dress herself with colorful and beautiful dresses to join in the church activities or memorial festivals.

On January 10, Ms. Mary C. L. Hu was joyfully baptized by Rev. Philip Ho into the Christian family like her mother, Monica, and her youngest sister, Annie (see top right photo). The third one from right is Jean, who is the eldest person at St. Paul's Church, she gave a new Bible as a gift and as a special inspiration to Mary. She came to visit her sister for a few months from China. When she was invited to attend worship in St. Paul's Church by Annie and her sister's friend Amy, she was moved by the Lord's words from the sermon. A few weeks later she was very happy to make a decision to be baptized to be a Christian. Now she is back in her hometown on the Chinese mainland and goes to worship our dear Lord in a church near her home.

From January 21 –25, we had a Shining Eagle Camp which was designed for youth to serve elementary school children. We had over 80 youth, serving 60 children (see bottom photo, page 33). The youth were junior high school age or above, most of them were at college or university. After learning from the words of Jesus and receiving training of how to tell stories to children with picture books and how to lead children to join in different games, they were certified to be leaders to serve children. During the camp, most of the youth also decided that they would also like to accept Jesus as their Lord. Hallelujah!

On January 24, David Lee (see top photo, page 33), an energetic boy in our church who loves to play basketball, had the opportunity to go to Wesley Christian School of Kentucky to join the school basketball team. David was born in the USA and came back to Taiwan when he was ten years old. He was called to be a minister and a witness to serve Jesus at the age of 7. Now he has weekly lessons about Scripture and regular worship time in the Wesley Christian School. He plays a very important

role in their basketball team although he is only 170 cm tall. We wish he can be a good servant of our dear Lord in the future after getting all the lessons which God wants him to learn. David's grandfather was a pastor in Taiwan. His father, Joseph is the head of the Department of Business and Administration of Kao-Yuan University and also the chairman of the Bishop's Committee of St. Paul's Church. He always prays for the church and serves faithfully.

On January 24, we had the honor to be awarded third place in the Diocese of Taiwan Daily Text Competition.

On January 28, a group of students from the Goodness College of St. Paul's Church went together to visit two different beautiful gardens on the same day (see top photo, page 34). First, we went to visit the Jasmine Garden which was made by a Canadian who came to Taiwan 12 years ago and found Taiwan to be a very suitable place for him to settle. He discovered a remote but ideal area of the countryside so he bought that green land and established it to be a very beautiful garden. A few years later the garden became famous because of the method of building houses with waste newspaper. Many people come to visit him to learn the process. The newspapers are soaked in water for half a day, and then stirred with cement. Then the stirred cement mixed with newspaper is poured into a solid plastic box, and then put a pet bottle in the middle of the box, and then cover the pet bottle with the thick and sticky cement jam to make a brick. After being dried in the sunshine for half a day or longer, then the brick is complete. The dried bricks become very hard and cannot be broken even by using a hammer, and are very light so that they are one tenth the weight of a normal brick. Using these bricks of paper and cement to build the walls of houses makes the houses stronger than other houses and more anti-seismic. That was amazing!

After leaving the Jasmine Garden we arrived at the Rose Garden in about 15 minutes, located in Jiouru Township. This garden is full of beautiful big red rose flowers covering about 15 hectares. Unusually all of the rose flowers in this garden are eatable. Why? In accordance with the farmer's interpretation, this garden is organic, completely free of pesticides, insecticides and fertilizer for all of the 15 hectares. All the nutrients the rose trees need comes from the grasses growing among those rose trees. When the grasses become dried and turn yellow, farmers will pick them to cover the roots of the rose trees. Every single flower was bright red and every petal of each rose smelt fragrant. The garden owner allowed each of us to pick a flower and allowed us to take it back home. All of us joyfully began to find a flower that he/she liked best and took a picture together with the beautiful red eatable rose.

Then we enjoyed eating the special meal made of the rose petals, rose sushi, rose sandwich, rose tea and rose water. That was interesting!

On January 31, the Shining Eagles young students (see photo below) invited each other to make teams to have a sports competition with volleyball, basketball, dodgeball, relay race, etc. in Kaohsiung Senior High School. This was the first time that the college students made joyful races so that friendly friendship and godly fellowship were formed among them and they stretched their hands up as the wings of the flying eagles.

On February 15, that night we had 22 people came to the front yard of St. Paul's Church to give out Gideon's Bibles, evangelical tracts and warm sweet Longan drink to everyone who passed along the streets around our church to offer fruits, flowers, paper money and incense to an idol, whose temple is located two blocks from St. Paul's, named the Jade Emperor. Roughly estimated, the people who passed by were over 10,000. We gave warm sweet Longan drink to whoever liked to show a friendly face to us and we gave out Gideon's Bibles and evangelical tracts as gifts to them. From 7 pm to 9 pm we encountered more than 1,000 people, and

about 300 accepted our gifts. We did our best to touch people who did not know Jesus to have a chance to meet our Lord Jesus through the Bible and the tracts we gave them. If they would like to open the Bible and read it, they could find the savior from the words in the Bible. For no word from God will ever fail.

On March 13, Brother Terry B. S. Wu came from Japan to be baptized, like his wife, his daughter, and his son (see top photo above). Now all of his family are Christians and he felt joyful for his new life that has changed the old into the fresh and left the darkness into the bright light. His wife, daughter and son were baptized in St. Paul's Church in 2011. Now, 5 years later, he has made the decision to receive Jesus as his own Lord. He has experienced many times that the Lord listens to his prayers since his family members became Christians. But his background was Buddhism, and he could not easily give up the religion given from his mother. His daughter loves him very much and the coming new semester is a higher stage for his daughter. She wanted to attend a very famous private school in Japan belonging to the Nippon Sei Ko Kai NSKK (Japanese Anglican Church). It is said the entrance examination of that school is the most difficult test to pass. Many students fail the test. So Terry had a wish, if his daughter passed the entrance test he would like to accept that was a sign he would not escape from our Lord again. With our dear Lord, miracles come to those who trust in Jesus and obey Jesus. An amazing grace opened to Terry because his daughter succeeded in the test and Terry obeyed his own wish to come back and be baptized through water and Holy Spirit, and go forth with our heavenly Father to discover the wonderful life spread before him.

This Spring Term in St. Paul's Kindergarten there are 17 children coming to join in the "Little Choir" as their Wednesday lesson. Every Wednesday afternoon, from 4 pm to 5 pm, they come to see Rev. Philip Ho to say a prayer to our dear Lord, and sing hymns to praise our dear Lord with joyful rhythm.

Samuel Ngan was a student from Macau who recently graduated from Fooyin University, Kaohsiung. During his college career he came to St. Paul's Church every Sunday morning to worship our dear Lord God, and always served as an acolyte. Since his return to Macau, he has started working as a physiotherapist in a Home for Senior Citizens.

On April 4, Rev. Philip Ho and his family visited Samuel in Macau and joyfully saw that he is doing very well. In the middle photo, left to right is Philip, Nancy, Angela, Rev. Joseph Ho, Samuel's mother, Samuel, and his girlfriend. The one behind is Samuel's father.

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